

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act – Diversion of **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam – In-principle (Stage.I) approval – Accorded –Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 70

Dated: 12-05-2017

Read the following:-

1. From the Prl. CCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.3501/2016/FCA-1/TS, dt. 06-04-2017.
2. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.03-01-2005.
3. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13-5-2011.
4. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16-6-2011.
5. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt. 13.02.2014.
6. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt. 07.11.2014.
7. GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No.11-09/98-FC, dt.25.02.2016.

O R D E R:

In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water - under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal with reference to the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi in the letters 2nd to 7th read above and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government therein, hereby accord In-principle (Stage.I) approval for diversion of **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water - under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam, subject to compliance of the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency;
- (iii) Maximum number of trees to be felled shall not be more than fifty per hectare;
- (iv) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the Forest Department;
- (v) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/ fauna in the surroundings;

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- (vi) The User Agency shall plant and maintain two times the number of trees felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose will be identified by the Forest Department (preferably within or in the surrounding area of the project). Only indigenous forest tree species shall be used for such plantations. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the Forest Department. Trees, planted in surrounding area, will belong to Forest Department;
- (vii) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated: 28.3.2008 and 9.5.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the orders issued by State Government vide Go.Ms.No.124 EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dated:27.7.2010;
- (viii) Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the user agency and deposited either in SB A/c No. **037100101029963** of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No. **344902010106351** of Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBINO534498). The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (ix) The proposal shall be examined under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter No. 11-9/1998 – FC(Pt) dated. 5-7-2013 and requisite certificates / documents be furnished;
- (x) Other conditions specified in the G.OI, MoEF, letters dated: 03.01.2005 13-5-2011, 16-6-2011, 13.2.2014 and 07.11.2014 shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad and User Agency with which they are concerned;
- (xi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.565 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the User Agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department;
- (xii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
- (xiii) The forest land to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Government;
- (xiv) The Forest Department may impose from time to time any other condition(s) in the interest of conservation, protection and /or development of forests;
- (xv) Transfer of forest land to the user agency shall not be affected prior to the issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this approval shall automatically stand revoked.

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On receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for granting of final approval.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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The Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam
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SECTION OFFICER